

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the originally submitted informal drawings (4 Sheets) including Figs. 1 through 5 with the four (4) Replacement Sheets of formal drawings, including Figs. 1 through 5. The Replacement Sheets convert the originally submitted informal drawings for this application into formal drawings.

Also, in Replacement Fig. 3A, the text within the box for “Step 301” was changed as follows:

change “Substrate 207” to --Substrate 203--; and

change “surface 209” to --surface 205--.

These changes are presented so that the reference numbers in Fig. 3A match those used in the specification.

REMARKS

As noted in the Office Action dated December 11, 2008, in the Board of Appeals proceeding involving this application, the Board reversed the rejections of claims 6, 8, 16, and 18 in this application. Accordingly, as required by the December 11, 2008, Office Action, Applicant has amended claims 6, 8, 16, and 18 in to independent form. Non-allowed claims 1-5, 7, 9-15, 17, and 19-25 are canceled by this Amendment.

The fee for one additional independent claim may be charged to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Through this Amendment, Applicant makes various minor editorial amendments to the specification. These amendments make the application text better correspond to the drawings, correct certain typographical errors, and/or otherwise place the application in better form for issuance as a U.S. patent. No new matter is included in these changes. Entry of these specification amendments is respectfully requested.

Through this Amendment, Applicant also submits formal drawings to replace the originally presented, informal drawings that were filed with the original application papers. As noted in the description of the drawings amendments, two minor corrections were made in Fig. 3A so that the reference numbers in Fig. 3A would correspond to the reference numbers used in the present specification. No new matter is included in these changes. Entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully asserts that this Amendment places the application in condition for immediate allowance. Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that an interview will facilitate advancement of the prosecution of this application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are due to facilitate entry and consideration of this Amendment. If, however, the Office determines that any additional fees are required, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or if an extension of time is necessary that is not

accounted for in the papers filed with this Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for any necessary fees, including any necessary extension fees or other fees needed to maintain the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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